

History

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs began construction on the State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake in 2009.

The \$8 million project was a partnership between the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal VA Cemetery Construction Grant Program.

This Federal Grant paid 100% of the construction costs and provided for the initial purchase of equipment.. The State of Washington was responsible for the initial purchase of the land.



Funds from the purchase of Armed Forces License Plates pay for the maintenance and operation of the State Veterans Cemetery.

Veterans, active duty, guard, reserve and their family members are eligible to purchase a plate at any vehicle licensing office.

Find out more at: www.dva.wa.gov or call 1-800-562-0132 opt 1.



Pre-Registration Forms and Applications for Interment are available on the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs Website at:

<http://www.dva.wa.gov/cemetery.html>

Or contact us directly at:

Office: (509) 299-6280

Fax: (509) 299-6286

E-mail: cemetery@dva.wa.gov

**21702 West Espanola Road
Medical Lake, Washington 99022**

Please contact the Cemetery Office if you have any questions or need further information.



About The Cemetery

The Cemetery is open for public visitation from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, 7 days a week.

The Administrative Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An information kiosk, located in the Administration Building, contains an electronic grave locator allowing family and friends to easily locate the gravesite of their loved one.

Scheduling an Interment

Committal services are conducted Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Services are held in the Committal Shelter. The Cemetery does not offer graveside services.

Veterans, Spouses and Dependent Children may pre-register to establish eligibility for interment.

The Cemetery Office coordinates Funeral Honors for Veterans and Military Retirees.



Burial Benefits

Eligibility for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. In general, U.S. veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and their spouses and dependent children are eligible.

More information on National Veterans Cemetery Eligibility Requirements is available at <http://www.cem.va.gov> or by contacting a WDVA Benefits Specialist at (800) 562-2308.

Interment Costs

For spouses or dependent children, \$300.00 will be collected on the day of interment. For veterans, the Federal VA provides the following:

- Burial plot or columbarium niche
- Concrete liner for casket burials
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- Inscribed gravestone
- 30 minute committal service

All other funeral expenses are paid by the Veteran's family or estate.

Some Veterans or their widows/widowers may be eligible for additional Federal VA benefits. To determine whether the veteran or family member is eligible for additional benefits please call 1-800-562-2308.

Types of Interment Offered

The State Veterans Cemetery provides for in-ground casket burial sites and cremation interments. Columbarium niches, in-ground cremation inurnment and a scattering garden are available for cremation interments.



Volunteers and Donations

There are many opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time or resources at the State Veterans Cemetery.

- Honor Guard Rifle Team
- Buglers
- Ministers
- Ladies & Gentlemen of the Cemetery
- Cortege Leaders
- Avenue of Flags
- Memorials and Benches

Cemetery Advisory Board

A seven member Cemetery Advisory Board provides advice and assistance on cemetery donations and events.